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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**PARATRANSIT PROGRAM  
PROPOSITION A LOCAL RETURN TRANSIT FUNDS  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Approve the expenditure of the First Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds for the continuation of the paratransit service program for eligible patrons in the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District for Fiscal Year 2004-05 for a total program cost of \$1,838,000. The paratransit program includes the following services: Azusa/Glendora, East Los Angeles, Rancho Los Amigos, Teen Mother, Willowbrook/Walnut Park, WestCo, and Whittier, et al. Attachment A lists these services and their individual budgets, providers, and terms.
2. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate the following three replacement agreements for paratransit service in the First Supervisorial District: The Rancho Los Amigos paratransit service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute for a cost of \$45,000; Teen Mother paratransit service provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District for a cost of \$7,000; and the WestCo paratransit service provided by the City of West Covina for a cost of \$240,000.

3. Instruct the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to sign the completed agreements.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On January 4, 1983, your Board directed that funds for paratransit services should come from each District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds at the discretion of each Supervisor. In Fiscal Year (FY) 1983-84 and in subsequent fiscal years, your Board approved paratransit service programs providing transportation opportunities for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

The purpose of this action is to approve the continuation of the paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District and to authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into replacement contracts for provision of services in certain areas in the First Supervisorial District.

On December 9, 2003, Synopses 31 and 32, your Board awarded both the East Los Angeles and Whittier, et al. paratransit service contracts to Southland Transit, Inc. In addition, on March 16, 2004, Synopsis 46, your Board awarded the Willowbrook/Walnut Park Paratransit service to Southland Transit, Inc. This paratransit service agreement combined the Walnut Park/Florence/Graham service with the Willowbrook/Athens/Rancho Dominguez service.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan of Service Excellence as it provides services to the public in a responsive manner. These services improve the mobility of the transit dependent patrons.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

This action authorizes the expenditure of \$1,838,000 for the continuation of the paratransit services program for eligible patrons in the unincorporated areas of the First Supervisorial District for FY 2004-05.

Three existing agreements to provide the services will expire on June 30, 2004. This action authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to negotiate and enter into replacement agreements for these services for a combined FY 2004-05 expenditure of \$292,000.

The three replacement agreements are with the following agencies (duration and FY 2004-05 cost are noted): The Rancho Los Amigos paratransit service provided by the Los Amigos Research and Education Institute for a cost of \$45,000 (1 year), Teen Mother paratransit service provided through the Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District for a cost of \$7,000 (1 year), and the WestCo paratransit service provided by the City of West Covina for a cost of \$240,000 (2 year).

Four services have agreements that were previously executed. The Azusa/Glendora, East Los Angeles, Whittier, et al., and the Willowbrook/Walnut Park paratransit services are provided under existing agreements for a combined FY 2004-05 expenditure of \$1,546,000. Therefore, the FY 2004-05 paratransit program for the First Supervisorial District totals \$1,838,000, which includes the renewed services approved by this Board action for \$292,000, and the previously executed service agreements for \$1,546,000. Attachment A lists these services and their individual budgets, providers, and terms.

The aforementioned program will be financed from the First Supervisorial District's allocation of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds available in the proposed FY 2004-05 Transit Enterprise Fund administered by Public Works.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

These agreements will be in compliance with the mandatory jury service requirements as set forth in Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203.010 through 2.203.090, Jury Service Program. The agreements will be signed after receiving the signed Jury Service Program Exception and Certification forms. Should we not receive the signed forms from a contractor for service, that service will be interrupted until we receive the forms and the agreement is signed.

Upon your approval, we will inform the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority of the continuation of this program. Agreements will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to submittal to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature.

The agreements will be submitted to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, for signature before the term of service begins. Any service(s) for which the agreements are not signed before the term of service begins will be reported to the First Supervisorial District office.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

On May 15, 2001, Synopsis 92, your Board found these services to be discretionary projects that are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to the Public Resources Code 21080 (b) (10) under transportation-related projects.

## **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The paratransit services for eligible patrons of the unincorporated County areas are provided primarily through participation in joint paratransit programs with cities and other governmental agencies adjacent to the unincorporated County areas and less frequently through contracts the County enters into with private, for-profit or nonprofit transportation service providers.

Through participation in joint paratransit programs, the County benefits by a lower service cost due to economies of scale, better service to residents because of service coordination and, when available, subsidies provided through grants from the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program. The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's grant program provides financial assistance to agencies that coordinate paratransit services across jurisdictional boundaries.

The cities and other governmental agencies typically contract with private transportation service providers through a competitive selection and procurement. The County's share of the cost of the service is proportionately based on the number of unincorporated residents that use the service. When the County contracts directly with a transportation service provider, a competitive procurement process is also used.

## **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This action provides for the continuation of the current services.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
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**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval, please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel

**-ATTACHMENT A  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
PARATRANSIT PROGRAM  
FISCAL YEAR 2004-2005**

SERVICE AGREEMENTS UP FOR RENEWAL	PROVIDER	MULTIPLE YEAR TERMS	AGREEMENT EXPIRATION	2004-05 BUDGET
Rancho Los Amigos (All Districts)	Los Amigos Research and Education Institute (1)		06/30/05	\$45,000
Teen Mother	Hacienda La Puente Unified School District (1)		06/30/05	\$7,000
WestCo (with SD 5)	City of West Covina (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/06	\$240,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$292,000</b>

PREVIOUSLY EXECUTED AGREEMENTS				
Azusa/Glendora	City of Azusa (1)	2-YEAR	06/30/05	\$119,000
East Los Angeles	Southland Transit (2)	4.5-YEAR	06/30/08	\$970,000
Whittier, et al (with SD4)	Southland Transit (2)	4.5-YEAR	06/30/08	\$264,000
Willowbrook/Walnut Park (with SD2)	Southland Transit (2)	3.25-YEAR	06/30/07	\$193,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,546,000</b>

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				<b>\$1,838,000</b>
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NOTE: (1) City, Joint Powers Authority, or Governmental Agency  
(2) Private Transit Service Provider